

for at least the reasons set forth in the Appeal Brief submitted therein. Applicant also submits that the specific limitations of the pending claims, such as approximate temperature ranges, oxygen concentrations, etc., further patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the references cited in the parent application.

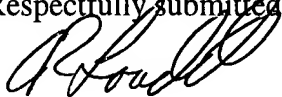
Applicant also notes that it has correct various non-substantive matters as in the parent application, etc.

In summary, Applicant submits that the cited references do not teach or suggest Applicant's invention, either alone or in combination.

No new matter has been added by this Amendment.

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